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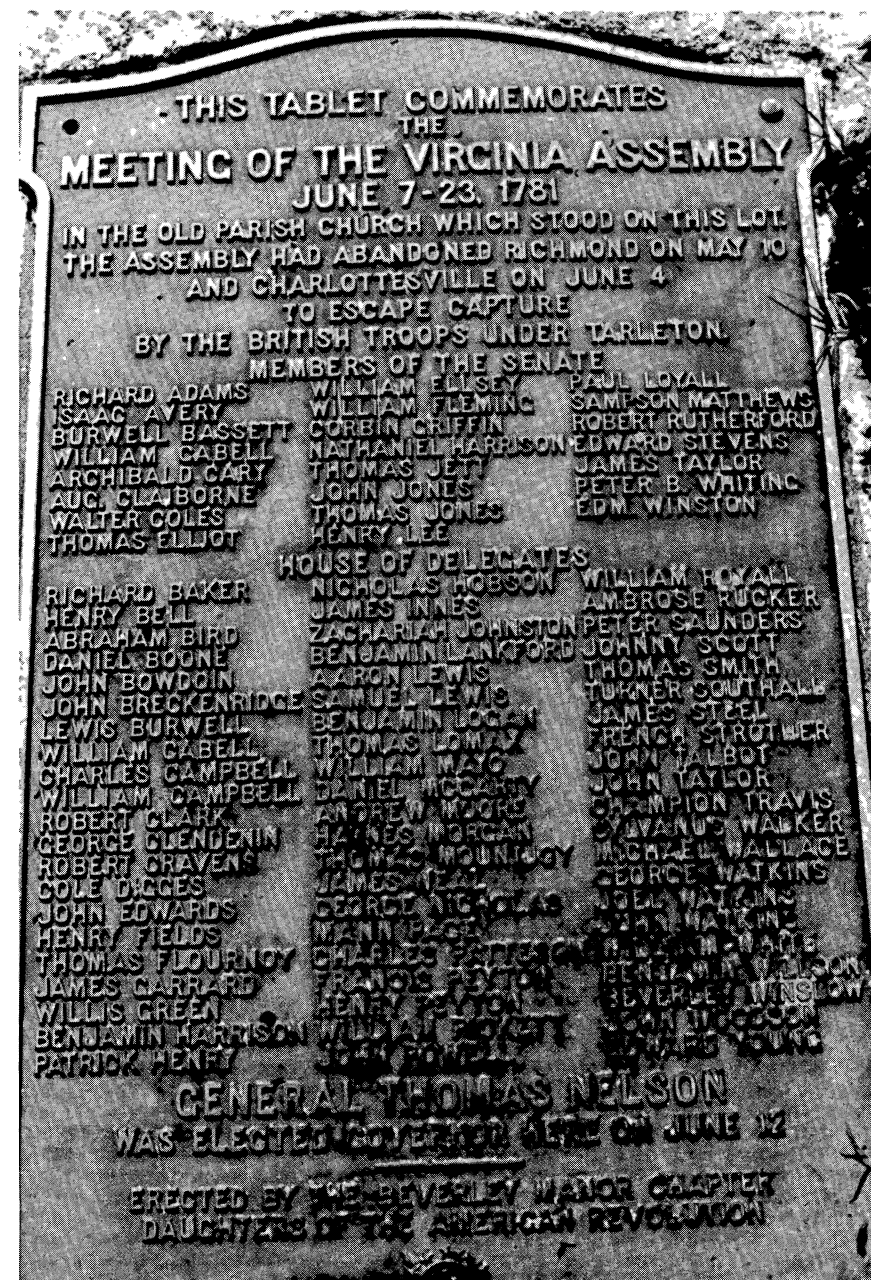
Events of June 1781 in Staunton

1981 marks the final year of the celebration of the Bicentennial of the United States of America. The climax will occur at Yorktown in October. In June 1781, four and one half months prior to the "capture of Cornwallis," Staunton and Augusta County experienced the first and only threat of invasion by the British. This threat was the result of the appearance in Virginia by Cornwallis in the spring. Forced to flee Richmond, the General Assembly was gathered in Albemarle County at Monticello. A young patriot, Captain Jack Jouett, found evidence of the British marching westward in Louisa County while he was there at Cuckoo Tavern. Realizing the danger to Governor Jefferson and the assembled lawmakers, he rode 40 miles at night to warn them. With the alert to danger given them on June 4, the assemblymen fled to Staunton to meet in Augusta Parish Church (present day Trinity Episcopal Church). On June 10, the alarm was again given that "Tarleton was coming" over the Blue Ridge. Militia moved to Rockfish Gap, riders went in several directions to warn the rest of the populace in the Valley, and the General Assembly dispersed with the idea to meet ultimately at Warm Springs. Some members rode first to Mount Pleasant, some 8 miles northwest of Staunton, home of Colonel George Moffett, a personal friend of many of them. We know today that Tarleton did not ride over Rockfish Gap, and that the Assembly did return to Staunton to continue the business of the young Commonwealth of Virginia.

Both Trinity Church and Mount Pleasant still stand as monuments to the exciting events of those days in early June 1781. On June 7, 1913, Beverley Manor Chapter, DAR, dedicated the bronze plaque located just to the left inside the churchyard gate on Beverley Street. It contains the names of the men who were present here in Staunton. There is also a chair in the sanctuary which was used during the meeting. It was presented to the church by the late Oliver E. Smith of Staunton.

On June 4, 1927, Colonel Thomas Hughart Chapter, DAR, unveiled the marker placed on the right hand front corner of Mount Pleasant honoring the men who took sanctuary there — among whom was Patrick Henry.

Also during the excitement of those June days, a British spy was captured near Waynesboro. Jos. A. Waddell in *Annals of*



Commemorative Plaque, placed June 7, 1913 by Beverley Manor Chapter, DAR., Trinity Episcopal Church, Staunton, Virginia.

PHOTO — DAVID L. BUSHMAN

Augusta County, Virginia recounts the capture and fatal shooting of the spy. The guard detailed to take the spy to the gaol in Staunton was Joseph Long, Sr.

We are indebted to Jack Jouett Chapter, DAR, Charlottesville and the regent of the chapter, Mrs. Wilson W. Cropp, for permission to use the silhouette and poem about Captain Jack Jouett and his memorable ride.

Many men of Augusta County not only experienced the awful excitement of June 1781 here in Staunton, but were also present at Yorktown October 19, 1781 at the "entrapment of Cornwallis" (expression used by the British in the diorama of Yorktown Battle at the Maritime Museum in Greenwich, England). There were Americans who fought at Yorktown who preferred to use the expression "capture of Cornwallis" — even to having it placed on their tombstones!

Tarleton did not come to the Valley in 1781, but we do have the events and places preserved for history.



Trinity Episcopal Church, Churchyard Gate showing location of Commemorative Plaque.

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Mt. Pleasant, Home of Colonel George Moffett.

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Jack Jouett

The Ride of Young Jack Jouett

(In imitation of broadsides
in circulation about 1800)

There was a man of Charlottesville,
(Jack Jouett was his name.)
Who made a ride so perilous
It won for him great fame.

When Jefferson was Governor,
With all his legislature
From Richmond he was forced to flee,
Though much agin their nature.

Cornwallis compassed them by night
And harried them by day;
For Washington's Colonial Lads
Were many miles away.

In Charlottesville they made a stand,
These legislators forty,
Including Henry, Nelson, Lee,
And Harrison the Haughty.

About this time Jack Jouett said:
"To Cockoo I've a mind
To travel on my huntin' mare.
She's sturdy, swift, and kind.

"These forty mile won't be too much
My filly for to travel.
The Country Road has just been worked
And topped with sand and gravel."

At Cockoo Inn Jack did dismount
And led his mare to stable.
He's ordered her a clean straw bed
And sat him down to table.

Nigh on to midnight there did come
A thunderin' commotion.
Immediately did Jack opine
Some mischief in promotion.

When he got up and cast about,
By George! what did he see?
Two hundred horse go sweepin' past!
'Twas Tarleton's cavalry.

"They're out to capture Jefferson
And his brave legislators!
They'll hunt all down with sword
and pike,
And hang the lot for traitors!"

Jack's saddled up his huntin' mare.
He's led her from the stable.
"To Monticello we mus' win
This night gin we be able."

Them British took the County Road.
Jack knew a shorter way,
Though Injun trail and bridle path
Beset him with delay.

And once Jack heard a panter scream,
And once his filley neighed.
So nigh the County Road they were,
She him almost betrayed.

Through tangled vine and underbrush
That huntin' mare has busted.
She's jumped the gullies and the cricks;
But nowhar was she wusted.

The moon was up and at the full,
Or he never could have made it;
For when he reached Rivanna Ford,
He seen his mare was jaded.

Jack's halted on the southern bank
Until his mare had rested.
Then up the bluff to Milontown
Whar folks thought that he jested,

He's galloped, shoutin' as he sped:
"The British air acomin'!"
To *Monticello* he has spurred
And set all hands ahummin'.

Jack's roused Tom Jefferson from bed,
(Daylight was hardly breakin'!)
And sent him, (family, coach, and all),
Escape to *Blenheim* makin'.

Jack's drank a glass of good, strong wine,
(The best he'd ever tasted,)
Then down the hill to Charlottesville,
No further time he's wasted.

He's rid up to his father's inn,
Whar the alarm he's sounded.
The Assembly has toward Staunton fled
With narry a member wounded.

This ride occurred on June the third
And on the day that followed.
The year was seventeen—eighty-one.
Forever be it hallowed!

The Assembly voted Jack a sword
And pistols, a fair brace,
For savin' them and Jefferson
From capture and disgrace.

God grant us peace! All war must cease,
Or we shall surely rue it,
Unless to us Thou send'st, dear Christ,
Ten thousand like Jack Jouett!

Cary F. Jacob

Reprinted with permission of Jack Jouett
Chapter, DAR, Mrs. Wilson W. Cropp,
Chapter Regent, Charlottesville, Virginia.

"And the Band Played On..." The Stonewall Brigade Band and Its 125 Years of Service to Staunton, Virginia, and the Nation.*

By
Scott H. Harris

When we think of great dates in American history, most of us have no trouble coming up with 1776, 1812, or 1941. And of course, the years 1861 to 1865 have special significance in the life of our nation. Yet one year that may not immediately come to mind is 1855. That's rather ironic, for although no so-called notable happenings took place in this year, many events which have now faded from collective memory occurred in 1855; events which bear interesting relationships to the later goings-on of not only the United States in general, but to the Augusta County area in particular.

For instance, in January of 1855 alone,

- Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church announced the calling of the Reverend Mr. Elisha Cleghorn to its congregation.
- The U.S. Army inaugurated two new programs; general use of the Minie rifle ball, and operation of a desert Camel Corps.
- Augusta Female Seminary (now Mary Baldwin College) opened for its second term.
- The U.S. government reported 1069 veterans of the Revolutionary War collecting pensions, and 847,000 slaveholders.
- The first photographs of warfare, from the Crimea, were released to the world.
- The *Staunton Spectator*, and other newspapers, carried the political conversations of the Whig and Know-Nothing (American) parties, as they prepared for the 1856 Presidential race.

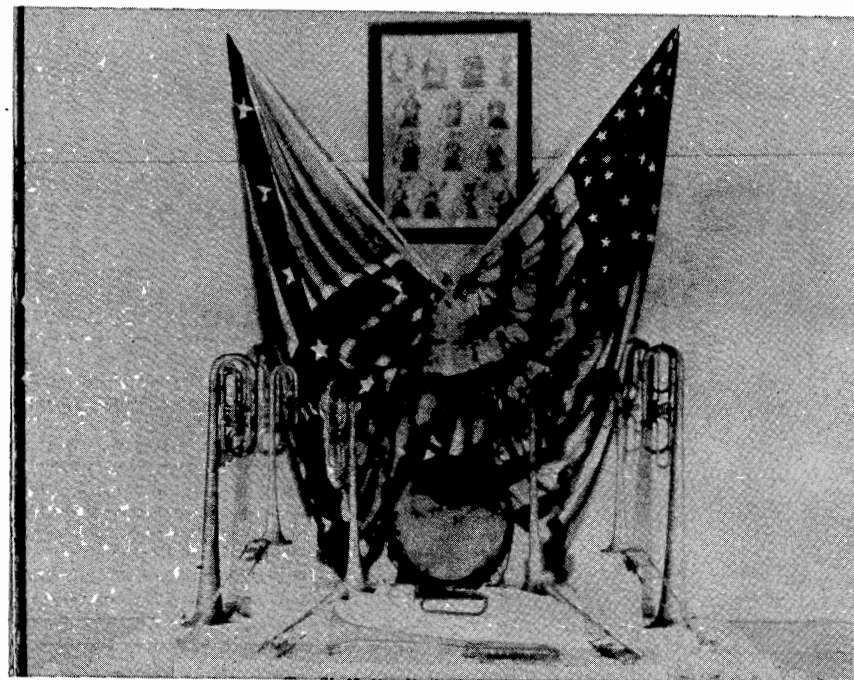
It was, too, in January of 1855 that one David W. Drake realized a goal he had been working towards for a year — the organization of a municipal band in Staunton. Although an exact record of the first meeting is not extant, evidence indicates that sometime in January, in a room over Wayt's Drug Store on

*Presented to the Fall Meeting of the Society November 12, 1980..

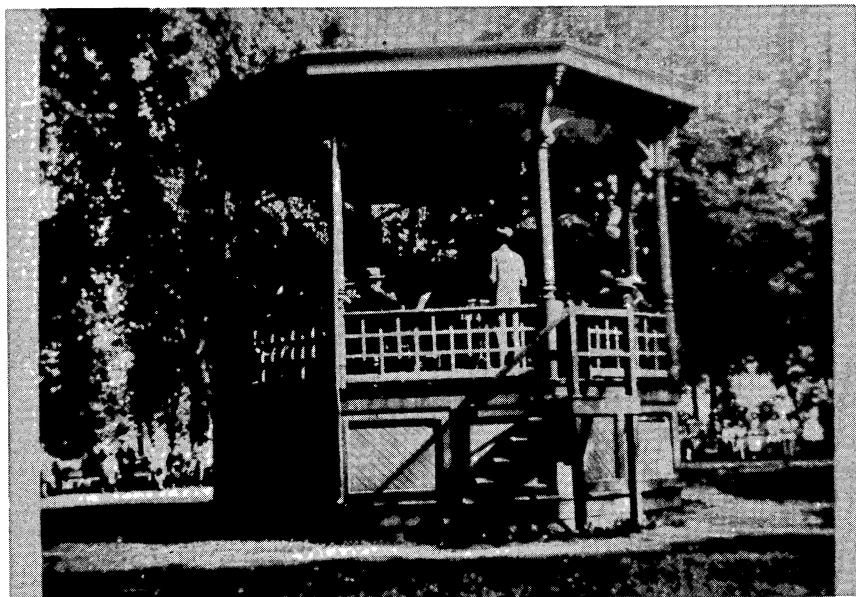
Beverley Street, the Staunton Mountain Sax-Horn Band first assembled. It is from this point that the organization known today as the Stonewall Brigade Band began a career that has lasted more than 125 years.

The group's name, the first of four it would carry, is especially descriptive; Staunton, for the thriving city from whence came most of the members; Mountain, in reference to the Blue Ridge and the Alleghenies, under whose shadow the small communities of the Shenandoah Valley lay nestled; Sax-Horn, indicating the main instrument of the band, a German invention made of brass or silver, designed either for concerts, or to lay over the shoulder of the player, the bell pointing back in the direction of a group of paraders, or an army on the march.

There were fourteen original members of the Mountain Sax-Horn Band, and they could count among their number a butcher, a clothier, a county clerk, shopkeepers, farmers, and the future coroner of Augusta County. The city in which they practiced and performed, Staunton, was a bustling community of more than three thousand, and could boast a variety of enter-



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Original Band Stand Gypsy Hill Park, razed after World War II.

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prises and services, including railroad junctures, a woolen mill, a steam plant, boot and shoe factories, wagon works, gas lighting, and several fine academies and institutes, many of which are still in operation today.¹

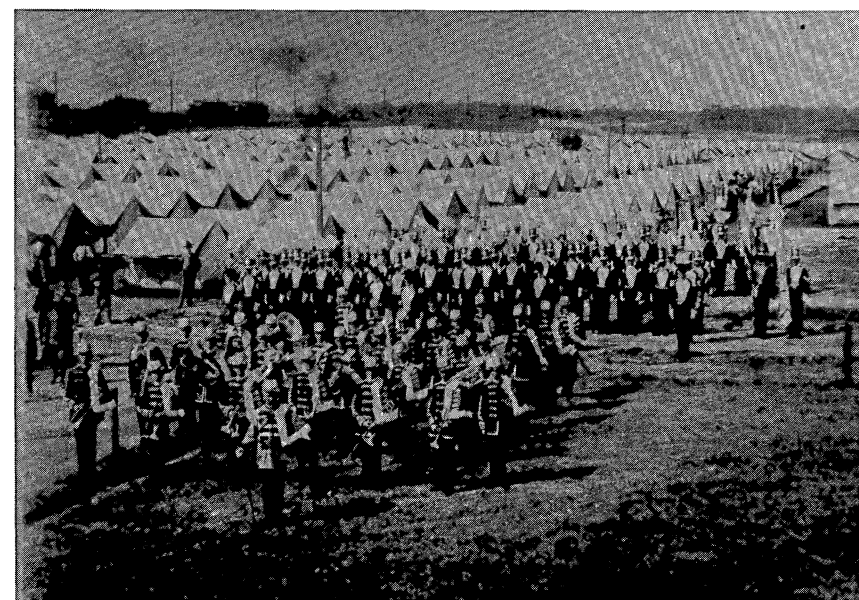
The first official director of the Staunton Mountain Sax-Horn Band, Dr. Augustus J. Turner, was the only true professional musician of the group. Most of them were as they are today, regular citizens of varied backgrounds and occupations, for whom musical performance was a means of combining personal enjoyment with public service. The Stonewall Brigade Band of today is composed in a large part of students of music and professionals, yet still remains a community organization that reflects the diversified nature of the Staunton-Augusta area.

The first formal concert of the Staunton Mountain Sax-Horn Band took place on July 17, 1857, at Union Hall. The band, assisted by the Glee Club and the Staunton Quartette, played to an audience described by the *Spectator* as "the elite and fashionable of Staunton." It was also around this time that the band became heavily involved in parades, and was soon searching for a bandwagon. The geography of the city, then as now,

put considerable strain on the bandmen as they marched up and down the many hills of the parade routes. (To this fact the author can attest from personal experience. As a member of the Wilson Memorial High School Band, I encountered that same strain the musicians of the 1850s faced; and parades were longer then). In 1858 such a wagon appeared. By most accounts, it was a very ornate gilded vehicle, drawn by six cream-colored horses, and saw long, dependable service.

As the band broadened its horizons as a performing group, it began to feel what member Charles Haines called "ostentatious pride,"² and in 1859 changed its name to Turner's Silver Cornet Band. The title reflected not only the prominence of the group's director, but also the acquisition of new instruments of German silver (which would see service through the Civil War, and are now enshrined in the bandroom in Staunton).

During the late 1850s, Turner's Silver Cornet Band pursued a performance schedule similar to those of many other small community bands throughout the Shenandoah Valley. Parades were common for patriotic, political, or holiday reasons. Concerts too were frequent, as well as recitals, commencement



Summer Encampment — date unknown.

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Stonewall Brigade Band on parade December 12, 1895. The Drum-major is W. H. Barkman. The view is looking east on Beverley Street from in front of Staunton City Hall.

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exercises, and serenades for the celebrities and politicians who passed through Staunton.

Even as the spectre of Civil War loomed over Staunton, it was evident that the prevailing mood was for national unity. Independence Day 1860 saw fervent patriotic celebrations, with Turner's Silver Cornet Band playing an active role. However, the election of Abraham Lincoln, and the climate of opinion for secession in the parts of the state outside of the Valley led to Virginia's departure from the Union on April 17, 1861.

Most of the members of the Silver Cornet Band enlisted in the West Augusta Guard, a unit formed mainly of Staunton men. With Virginia's entry into the Confederacy, the West Augusta Guard was dissolved, and the band members were mustered into the Fifth Regiment of the First Brigade, Army of the Shenandoah. The brigade's stern commander, Thomas J. Jackson, put the men into fighting trim. The success of his efforts was apparent at Manassas, during the first major battle of the Civil War, on July 21. There Jackson and his brigade stood

off repeated Union assaults, saving the day for the Confederate forces, and earning them both the nickname "Stonewall."

Although known informally as the Stonewall Brigade Band, the musicians were still officially the Fifth Regiment Band. As such, they provided diversion for the troops during the lulls between fighting, made the arduous marching (that gave Jackson's men the sobriquet "foot cavalry") and occasionally slipped home to Staunton for a concert. Yet as significant as their musical duties were, soldiering came first, and the bandsmen found themselves employed as riflemen, snipers, messengers, and finally as hospital corpsmen, a task through which they received much praise and gained great proficiency in battlefield medicine.

Ironically, it was one of the great tragedies for the Confederacy that assured the band its honored place in history. On May 2, 1863, as the battle of Chancellorsville was nearing its close, General Stonewall Jackson, now commander of the II Corps, Army of Northern Virginia, was mistakenly shot by men of his own command. Jackson's death, on May 10, 1863, came in the wake of perhaps the most brilliant of Confederate victories, a battle in which both he and his old brigade demonstrated the courage and ability which endeared them to their fellow Confederates and earned them the respect of their Union foes. In recognition of this high regard, the Confederate War Department, on May 16, 1863, issued Special Orders No. 129, officially designating the First Va. Infantry the Stonewall Brigade. From that date also, its official musical organization became the Stonewall Brigade Band.

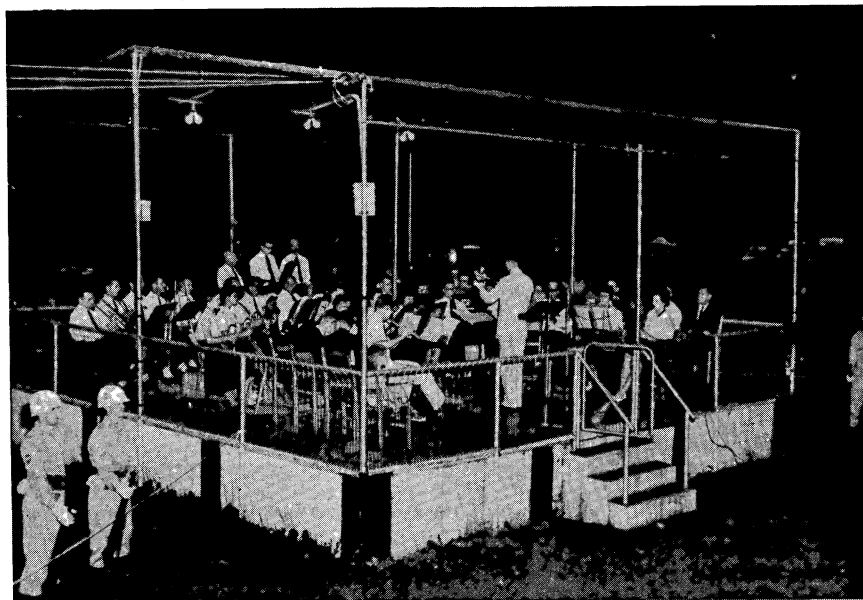
The war career of the Stonewall Brigade and its band is an illustrious chapter in the tragic saga of the Confederacy. It is a narrative too long and detailed to recount here, and the author again refers readers to Dr. Brice's book and to James I. Robertson's *The Stonewall Brigade*, for a fuller treatment. Suffice to say that the Stonewall Brigade, participating in 39 major battles and innumerable minor skirmishes, rightly earned its distinction as the most famous of Confederate units. At its height, the brigade numbered 3,681 men; at Appomattox, the Stonewall Brigade led the march to stack arms with 19 officers and 184 men, only 81 of whom were armed. Of the 47 men of the Fifth Regiment, 7 members of the Stonewall Brigade Band were left to surrender.

The events at Appomattox would give rise to a curious myth some years later. The story went that General Ulysses S. Grant

issued a special order that allowed the bandmen to take their instruments home with them. Evidence indicates that this was not the case. The most likely explanation for the band's retention of the Civil War instruments is that they were counted as personal baggage, and as such were able to be kept under the broad terms of Grant's surrender specifications. Nevertheless, the story became quite popular after Grant's visit to Staunton in 1874 (as President), and continues to linger on today.

The Reconstruction Era was a time of readjustment and rebuilding for the South, and although not under as harsh military rule as other areas, Augusta County felt the burden of the times. During these tense years, the Stonewall Brigade Band resumed its original role as a public service organization. Its music gave the area a respite from bitterness, and helped ease the pains of Reconstruction.

By the mid-1870's, with Staunton once again a major population and commercial center of the Valley, the Stonewall Brigade Band began to expand its audience. Concerts and parades across the state provided numerous opportunities for performance, and



The Stonewall Brigade Band in Gypsy Hill Park. Centennial Observance June 17, 1961.

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the group's reputation grew rapidly. In order to protect its name, and to generate much needed revenue, the Stonewall Brigade Band was incorporated on February 4, 1875.

It was during the latter decades of the 19th century that the Stonewall Brigade Band achieved national prominence. Besides local civic and patriotic celebrations and Confederate reunions, the band attended events around the country. Included among these were World's Fairs at Buffalo, Chicago, New York, and St. Louis, and Inaugural parades of Presidents Cleveland (twice), McKinley, Taft, and Staunton native Woodrow Wilson. No less a world-renowned musician as John Philip Sousa appeared with the Stonewall Band, and commented favorably on its playing.

In 1889, the Stonewall Brigade Band played for the Arbor Day planting of fifteen-hundred trees in Gypsy Hill Park. In 1891, the group began its series of city-sponsored summer concerts in the park, and this year will mark its 90th season of playing beneath some of the same trees planted in 1889.

During this period, the band pursued a rather interesting relationship with an old enemy, U. S. Grant. Grant's visit to Staunton in 1874, and the compliments he paid to the band, were cherished by the members. A resolution of sympathy was sent to the dying ex-President in May of 1885. On August 8 of that same year, the Stonewall Brigade Band marched in his funeral procession. It also took part in the dedication ceremonies for his tomb in 1897. This mutual regard is indicative of the healing of the wounds of Civil War suffered by Staunton, a process which was largely completed by the end of the century.

The Stonewall Brigade Band entered the 20th century with vigor and activity. Frequent parades and concerts kept both the band as a whole and individual members performing as much as four or five times a week. But the coming of war in 1917 saw the band again serenading Augusta boys who marched away, and the ones who returned. On May 27, 1927, The Stonewall Brigade Band returned to Chancellorsville, for the dedication of a monument. It was the first time the band had assembled as a unit there since the fall of its chief, in 1863.

The Stock Market Crash of 1929, signalling the start of the Great Depression, brought hard times to the band as well as for the rest of the nation. In 1935, a WPA-sponsored Federal Music Project in Staunton began. It continued until 1942, and while it operated, formed a "sub-band" of the Stonewall Brigade Band.



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The project helped insure the survival of the group as a musical and historical organization.

As yet another war loomed on the horizon in 1941, the Stonewall Brigade Junior Band was formed on April 12. In essence a group of elementary and high school musicians, the Junior Band served as an arm of the regular Stonewall Brigade

Band, and helped ease the increased performance load for the parent group during World War II. The SBJB enjoyed widespread success in the area, and performed until 1948, when the music programs of the public school systems began to develop.

The same school music projects that brought the end of the Junior Band had an effect on the Stonewall Brigade Band also. As more high school marching bands began to develop, both in Augusta County and throughout the Valley, the Stonewall Band gradually phased out its parade activities and concentrated exclusively on concerts. Other traditions were ending too, as the band attended the last reunion of the United Confederate Veterans from May 30 to June 2, 1951.

The Civil War Centennial (1960-1965) afforded the Stonewall Brigade Band the opportunity to celebrate a significant era in its history. Pageants, concerts, and other festivities featured the group, where accounts of the band's activities during the War had equal billing with the music.

Throughout the 1970s the Stonewall Brigade Band continued its tradition of public service to the Staunton area. The American Revolution Bicentennial was a major event for the band. July 4, 1976 was also the date of the dedication of the Kiwanis bandstand in Gypsy Hill Park. The ceremony, at which U.S. Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr. delivered the principal address, gave the Stonewall Brigade Band its present performing home. It was also in 1976 that Republican Presidential hopeful Ronald Reagan was serenaded by the band at Augusta Expoland.

As the Stonewall Brigade Band moves into the 1980's, it can look back on more than 126 years of uninterrupted service to city, state, and nation. Its history and its music have captivated generations from the Ante-Bellum period to the Space Age. As we advance toward a second millennium, the Stonewall Brigade Band, remembering proudly the past, and moving confidently into the future, will indeed play on.

NOTES

¹ For an excellent account of Staunton before the War, and a masterful history of the Stonewall Brigade Band, see Dr. Marshall Moore Brice's *The Stonewall Brigade Band*, Verona, McClure Printing Company, Inc., 1967. Much of the information contained in this article is based on the work of Dr. Brice.

² Staunton *Daily News*, magazine issue, July 1896.

Augusta County Obituaries, 1852-1853

By Anne Covington Kidd
(Continued from Volume 16, Number 2)

Died, at Calhoon, Ga., on the 22d ult., of Typhoid Fever, Mr. Henry ALLEN, formerly of this place. (7 April 1852)

In this county near Fishersville, on Saturday last, Mrs. Mary ANTRIM, daughter of John Merritt, Esq. (10 August 1853)

A letter from Maj. J. M. McCue, informs us of a most distressing accident which occurred at the Coal diggings, in North River, Gap, near Mt. Solon, on Wednesday evening last.... two gentlemen from Pennsylvania, Mr. Clarke, from Mercer County, and Mr. Ellis, from Philadelphia, went up from Mr. McCue's house to get some hands to make examinations for coal on the lands claimed by them as the heirs of Joseph Pryor of Philadelphia; and employed Isaac Shaver and William ARMSTRONG to work in a pit a large bank of slate stone and earth ... (fell) upon them (Shaver and Armstrong) and crushed both. Shaver leaves a wife and one child, the other was a single man. (24 March 1852)

Judge B(riscoe) G. Baldwin is no more. He died on yesterday morning. (19 May 1852) ... until 1842 as a Lawyer — and since that period as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Virginia Resolutions. (26 May 1852)

At Saratoga Springs, N. Y., on Sunday evening the 13th inst. ... Mrs. M. B. BAILEY, wife of the Rev. R. W. Bailey, formerly of this place. (23 March 1853)

On Friday the 21st ult., Catharine Wigglesworth (BAILY), daughter of Mr. Samuel F. and N. E. Baily. (8 September 1852)

Died, at the residence of his father on Back Creek in this County, on the 6th inst., Jesse BALSLEY, jr., aged about 28 years. (25 February 1852)

On the 17th ult., in the 57th year of her age, Mrs. Nancy (BALSLEY), wife of Jonathan Balsley of Back Creek. (16 November 1853)

Departed this life at the residence of her father, on Saturday morning the 12th ult., Miss Rebecca (BALSLEY), daughter of Mr. Jonathan Balsley of this county, aged about 18 years. (12 January 1853)

Died, on the 24th ult., at her residence, on South River, in this county, Mrs. Rebecca BARE, wife of Mr. John Bare, aged 52 years health had been delicate for a few years, but it received a shock from the death of a beloved daughter, about a year ago, from which it never recovered (leaves) husband, who is in a great measure cut off from society by deafness member of the Presbyterian Church of Bethel, for nearly twenty years. (10 March 1852)

Departed this life on Monday the 14th inst., at her residence in Hillsboro, O., Mrs. Mary BARRY, relict of the late Andrew Barry, formerly of Augusta county, Va. ... the eldest daughter of the Rev. John McCue, who for many years was Pastor of the "Tinkling Spring" Presbyterian Church. (7 December 1853)

In Callaway county, Mo., on the 15th ult., Charles A. BASKIN, in the 51st year of his age, from the effects of a fall from a scaffold member of the Presbyterian Church born and raised in Augusta and emigrated to Missouri in 1842. He leaves a wife and three sons. (5 October 1853)

On Saturday morning last, at the residence of Mr. John Trimble, her son-in-law, Mrs. BAYLOR, at an advanced age. (15 September 1852)

On Sunday night the 19th inst., Mrs. Sarah BELL, widow of Mr. Francis Bell, Sr., dec'd., aged about 85 years. (29 December 1852)

Of Dropsy, on the 26th inst., at the residence of his brother Henry Berry, Mr. James BERRY, aged about 59 years. (2 February 1853)

Died, at Green Summit, in this county, on Tuesday morning the 25th inst., at 3 1-2 o'clock, Mrs. Rachel BERRY, wife of Mr. Thornton Berry, aged 40 years and 27 days husband and two surviving children member of the M. E. Church for 21 years. (2 June 1852)

Died, in this county on the 25th ult., Mr. George BISHOP. (14 April 1852)

Died, on Thursday 5th inst., George C. BOURLAND, Esq., of Augusta co., in the 37th year of his age a confiding, devoted husband. (11 February 1852)

At the City Hotel, Alexandria, on Sunday morning the 5th ... Charlotte Augusta (BOWYER), second daughter of John C. and Ann D. Bowyer, of that city, late of Winchester, in the 15th

year of her age. Her remains were conveyed to Staunton to be deposited in the family vault. (15 June 1853)

In this place, on Friday last, Mr. Andrew BRADY. (11 May 1853)

On Friday last in this county, Miss BRIGHTWELL. (1 June 1853)

Died, at this residence in this county, on the 17th ult., Mr. James BROWN, in the 51st year of his age. (4 February 1852)

We ... find ... in the *Wytheville Telegraph* of the 3rd instant. The Hon. James E. BROWN, late Judge of this Circuit, died on yesterday morning about 9 o'clock, at Carrol Court House Away from his family and friends. (Native of this place.) (10 November 1852)

Of Scarlet Fever, in Jennings' Gap on the 17th ult., Nancy C. (BROWN) aged 4 years, 4 months and 6 days and Mary A. J. (BROWN) aged 2 years, 11 months and 19 days, children of John J. D. and J. Amanda Brown. (17 August 1853)

At Spring Cottage, the residence of his brother, Samuel B. Brown, Esq., of this county, Mr. William BROWN, of Ohio, aged about 52 years. (8 June 1853)

On the 19th inst., of Chronic Croup, Jimmy F. (BUMGARDNER), son of James and Malinda M. Bumgardner. (26 January 1853)

On the 17th ult., Mrs. Mary B. BURGENTINE, wife of Mr. Jno. Burgentine, and daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Blackwell ... has left a devoted mother and husband, one sister, and two small children. (6 December 1852)

Died, in this county, on Sunday the 25th ult., Rev. Wright BURGESS. (5 May 1852)

In this place, on Sunday last, Mrs. BURNETT. (13 July 1853)

At his residence in Spring Hill, Augusta co., Sept. 30th, 1853, Mr. Leroy O. BURR, aged 25 (?) years, 9 months and 17 days, leaving a wife and one child. (12 October 1853)

At his father's residence in this place, on the morning of the 20th instant, William Henry (CAMBELL), only son of Rev. Wm. G. Cambell, in the 18th year of his age. (27 July 1853)

Died, on Thursday morning last, in Brunswick co., Va., Mrs. Rosa B. CASTLETON, wife of the Rev. T. Castleton, and daughter of the late Dr. Wm. Boys, of this place. (11 February 1852) ... at the residence of Hon. F. F. Jones ... in the 31st year of her age ... wife of Rev. Thos Castleton, of that co. ...

she left this place about 18 months since a happy bride member of the Presbyterian Church To her husband, to the Churches of Concord and Meherrin, which he serves, and to her large circle of relatives and friends in Staunton and in Ohio, her loss is mournful her remains were brought to her native town Hillsboro (Ohio) papers, please copy. (18 February 1852)

Died, on the 3d inst., at West Fork, Lewis county, Mrs. Sarah E. CEASE, wife of E. A. Cease, and daughter of Henry Burch of this county. (18 February 1852)

In this county, on Friday night last, Mrs. Sarah (CHRISTIAN), wife of Mr. Robert Christian, in 66th year of her age. (19 January 1853)

On the Mr. Alexander H. CLARK, aged 18 years, son of Mr. Jas. Clark (22 September 1852)

In this place, on the 7th inst., in her 29th year, Mrs. Jane Ann CLARK, wife of Mr. Wm. Clark, and daughter of the late Dr. J. K. Moore, of Chattooga country, formerly of Augusta county, Va. About nine years ago she became a subject of divine grace during a revival in the town of Lexington, Va. in connexion with the Presbyterian Church. *Rome* (Ga.) *Courier* (12 January 1853)

Died, near Deerfield, Va., on Thursday the 5th ult., ... Mr. James M. CLAYTON, son of Mr. Thomas Clayton, aged 22 years member of Deerfield Division of the Sons of Temperance, and ... the Presbyterian church of Rocky Spring. (9 June 1852)

A little son of Mr. COINER, living near Waynesboro', in this county was run over by a wagon Monday week and so seriously injured that he died immediately. (26 October 1853)

... William COLEMAN ... of Staunton, had been murdered in his own house ... his dwelling and Cabinet-making shop, near the divergence of the two streets leading into town from the junction of the plank road and the Waynesborough Turnpike, and near the residence of Mr. W. Craig The murder was committed doubtless on Thursday evening ... an eccentric old bachelor. (17 August 1853) Trial of Trayer and Wilson ... (for) murder ... committed on Thursday night 11th of August last ... (of) COLEMAN. (9, 16, 23, 30 November 1853)

At his residence, near Hermitage, Augusta county, on Monday morning the 28th November, Mr. George W. COLEY, in the 54th year of his age. (14 December 1853)

Died, on the 19th inst. ... Mr. Daniel COLLINS, brother of Mr. Richard Collins, of Staunton. (25 February 1852)

In Raleigh, at the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, on Monday the 27th ult., in the ninth year of her age, Janetta Sydney (COOKE), daughter of Wm. D. and Lucy A. Cooke. The little girl ... will be recollected by many in this community as one of a lovely pair of twins. God has seen fit to separate ... one of them from this "vale of tears." (6 October 1852)

Tribute of Respect. Deerfield Division, No. 270 ... resolutions relative to the death of brother Harvey B. CRAWFORD, who departed this life, at Good Year Bar, Yuba River, California, of Typhus Fever, September 28th, 1852 left this Division and the land of his nativity a few months since ... forward a copy of this preamble and resolutions to Mr. William McClung and brother William L. Pauley, formerly from this county (leaves) parents. (8 December 1852)

Died, in Monroe county, at the residence of Mrs. Diddle, Mr. James CRAWFORD, a native of Augusta, but a resident of Greenbrier county for the last twenty years, aged about 60 years. (31 March 1852)

On the 23d of June, in the 26th year of her age, Mrs. Jane Ann (CRAWFORD), wife of Mr. James W. Crawford, and daughter of John Bare, all of this county. (10 August 1853)

On Friday the 20th ... in Richmond, Mr. William CRAWFORD, of North Mountain, in this county, in the 60th year of his age His remains ... on Sunday were interred in the family burying ground at Hebron Church. (25 May 1853)

Died, at the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. Stribling, in this place, on Monday last, Mrs. Frances CUTHBERT. (14 January 1852) ... at the residence of ... Dr. F. T. Stribling ... in the 60th year of her age ... (member of) Presbyterian Church. (21 January 1852)

Died, at his residence in this county, on Tuesday 3rd inst., Mr. William DAVIS, aged 86 years and 2 months. (18 February 1852)

An Irishman named DEASEY, a laborer on the Central Railroad West of this place, was killed one day last week by the fall of a tree. (16 February 1853)

On Saturday the 2d inst., Miss Mary DEPOY, aged 61 years, 11 months and 16 days. (20 July 1853)

At Fairfax C. H., on Tuesday morning the 19th inst. ... Frank Wood DIXON, Printer, late of Augusta county ... in the 22d year of his age His remains were interred on Wednesday ... discourse preached by the Rev. Mr. Gates. He leaves a young ... wife. (27 July 1853)

On the 15th inst., Emma B. (DOLD), aged 2 months and 19 days, daughter of Dr. A. and Angelina M. Dold. (21 September 1853)

At his residence near this place on Saturday morning last, Mr. John DOOM, aged about 75 years. (2 March 1853)

Tribute of Respect. Augusta Lodge No. 194, I. O. O. F. of Greenville, Va. ... for Dr. G. W. DOSSEY. (2 November 1853)

On the Mary E. DOUGLAS, aged 9 years, grand daughter of Mr. Jas. CLARK. (22 September 1852)

Died, at the residence of John Merritt, Esq., on the 20th of April, Martha Merritt (DOYLE), daughter of Robert L. and M. A. Doyle, aged 7 months. (28 April 1852)

At the residence of her grand father, Mr. George Polmer, of scarlet fever, Sarah Luvenu Potter DULL, eldest daughter of David Dull and Mary E. Dull, dec'd., aged 6 years, 3 months and 9 days. (2 March 1853)

In Palmyra, Mo., on the 16th ultimo, Mrs. Ann EAGON, wife of Mr. David Eagon, and daughter of the late George Mitchell, Sr., of this vicinity about thirty-five years of age, and leaves four children besides her husband. (15 December 1852)

In this place on the 21st inst., at the residence of Mr. C. W. Saopson, her son-in-law, Mrs. Mary EBDON, relict of Mr. John Ebdon, late of the Island of Jersey, Great Britain, aged 62 years. (29 September 1852)

At the residence of Maj. Poage in this county on Sunday morning last, Mr. William P. (EIDSON), son of Wm. Eidson, Esq., aged about 21 years. (4 May 1853)

On Sunday morning the 19th ultimo, Mrs. Patsey ESTILL, widow of the late John M. Estill dec'd. (6 October 1852) ... member of the Presbyterian Church for about thirty years ... (left) children. (13 October 1852)

In this place on Thursday last, Mrs. Margaret EVANS, wife of Mr. Wm. Evans. (28 July 1852)

In Harrisonburg, on Friday morning last, Joseph Argyle (FEEMSTER), aged 2 months and 22 days, infant son of J. U. L. and Sarah Ann Feemster, of Staunton. (1 September 1852)

Died, in the vicinity of Abingdon, Washington co., Va., on Tuesday the 11th inst., Mrs. Sarah FIELDER, wife of Mr. Newton F. Fielder, formerly of this place, aged 36 years. (19 May 1852)

Died, at Memphis, Scotland co., Mo., on the 20th Dec. 1851, in the 44th year of her age, Mrs. Mary FIFER, wife of John Fifer formerly of this co. Mrs. Fifer ... many years ... member of the Union Church In the month of Nov. preceeding her own death, Mrs. Fifer and family were called to weep over the early grave of a beloved child ... Augusta Virginia (FIFER). (3 March 1852)

Died ... on the 8th inst., Wilber (FINLEY), only son of Samuel B. and Sarah Ann Finley, of this county. His age was 5 years. (14 April 1852)

Departed this life at the residence of her grand father, James W. Eskridge, Esq., of this place, on Thursday the 30th ultimo ... Rebecca P. FISHER, daughter of Charles F. and Mary G. Fisher, aged 13 years and 6 months. (3 November 1852)

Died, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Henry Berry, near Churchville, Augusta co., on Tuesday evening the 30th of March, Mr. David FLICK, formerly of Rockingham county, in the 56th year of his age. (14 April 1852)

Died, at the ... (residence of Mr. Henry Berry, near Churchville), on the 2nd inst. ... Mrs. Margaret FLICK, widow of David Flick, dec'd., in the 70th year of her age. (14 April 1852)

In Glasgow, Howard county, Mo. ... on the 16th of May, Mrs. Mary L. FRAME, wife of Jas. A. Frame, formerly of this county. (15 June 1853)

At his residence in Jennings' Gap, on Saturday morning last ... Mr. Jas. A. FRAZIER. (26 January 1853) ... in the 73rd year of his age was born Aug. 10, 1780, in the Northern Province of Ireland, in the county of Armagh, and near the ... city of that name Descended of parents occupying the middle walks of life, he was enabled by his father, a moderate landed proprietor, to enjoy the advantages of early education In the spring of ... 1800 ... he took leave of home (alone) ... and turned his face toward the new world soon found himself in the great Valley of Va., first at Winchester and then in the county of Augusta became engaged in mercantile pursuits ... and was at his decease probably the oldest merchant in this region he established several stores in different parts of this county, as also in one or two Western counties liberal

education of a large family of children, sons and daughters. (16 February 1853)

Died, in this place on Monday evening last, Mrs. FULLER, aged 87 years and 10 months. (17 March 1852) ... on March 15th ... Mrs. Christian FULLER, relict of the late Bartholamew Fuller, long a distinguished Mathematician in the Staunton Academy. Mrs. Fuller was born May 15th, 1763 maiden name was Christian Allen was reared in ... Fredericksburg was married November 1789 — removed to Staunton in October 1810 member of the Presbyterian Church. (24 March 1852)

In this place on Saturday last, James L. (FULLER), youngest son of George W. and Mary Fuller, aged about 3 years. (12 October 1853)

In Spring Hill, Augusta county ... March 30th, 1853, Silvester J. (FULLER), infant son of C. G. and M. S. Fuller, aged one year, 7 months and 20 days. (6 April 1853)

On Wednesday August 11th, William C. Preston (FULLER), infant son of Jeremiah and Jane Fuller, aged 2 years, 3 months and 18 days. (18 August 1852)

Near Buffalo Gap, in this county, on Thursday morning last, Mr. Samuel GARDINER, aged about 53 years. (21 September 1853)

On Friday last in this place, Alixis (GRAVES), son of Mr. Augustus W. Graves, in the 6th year of his age. (8 June 1853)

In Sangersville, in this county, on the 23d March last, of Malignant Scarlet Fever, John Minor Botts (GREGORY), infant son of John and Sophia Gregory, aged 5 (or 6) years, 3 months and 10 days. (13 April 1853)

On the 14th of June last, in Highland county, Mr. Benjamin GROVE, formerly of Augusta, in the 81st year of his age. On the 15th of July, Mrs. Hannah GROVE, widow of Benjamin Grove, dec'd., in the 74th year of her age. On the 3rd of May last, Mr. Christian GROVE, son of Benjamin Grove, dec'd., in the 47th year of his age. (4 August 1852)

Died, in this place, on Saturday last ... Mr. John GROVE, and aged and respectable citizen. (2 June 1852)

On Thursday last, in this place, Mrs. Rebecca (GROVE), wife of Mr. Stuart Grove. (19 October 1853)

Died, on the morning of the 16th inst., Reuben (HAMILTON), daughter of Mr. John G. and Mrs. Hannah F. Hamilton, aged 3 years and 7 months. (28 January 1852)

In this place, on Wednesday last, Alice (HARMAN), infant daughter of Michael G. and Caroline Harman. (11 August 1852)

In this place on Saturday evening the 12th inst., Fannie (HARMAN), daughter of Col. W. H. Harman, aged 2 years. (16 November 1853)

Died, at the residence of Mrs. Anne Harnsberger, on the 21st ult., Miss Rebecca HARNSBERGER, aged 36-56 years. (14 April 1852)

In this place on Saturday last, Mrs. HAUP. (27 April 1853)

Patrick HAYS, a laborer on the 37th section of the Central Railroad, was shot by a contractor named Vowel, about two weeks ago, and his death ensued on Thursday last. (24 August 1853)

Information reached this place last week of the sudden death, by drowning in the James River Canal, of Peter F. HEISKELL, son of Mr. P. A. Heiskell, of this county. He was engaged in business with the Messrs. Hartman, who have a steam saw-mill near Scottsville ... on ... the 7th inst., fell into the Canal from one of the foot bridges at Lock No. 26. (16 November 1853)

On the 2d of June ... Miss Hannah F. J. HENTON, aged 15 years 11 months. (6 July 1853)

At the residence of Mr. James Brown, near Hebron Church, in this county, on Thursday last, Mrs. Margaret HERIN, at an advanced year of her age. (5 October 1853)

FROZEN TO DEATH: We regret to learn that a former well-known citizen of Staunton died from the effects of the cold weather on Monday night last, near Port Republic, in Rockingham County The real name of the deceased was John HEROD; but in early life he acquired the soubriquet of Johnny Pea, or Pea Johnny He was thus designated from the fact that for a long time, he supplied the Staunton market with black-eyed peas born near Mount Sidney, in this County, lived in poverty, liquor and rags ... died in the same condition. (28 January 1852)

On the 2nd inst., Mrs. Sarah E. HERRING, wife of Dr. Wm. Herring in the 28th year of her age. (9 February 1853)

Died, at his residence in this county, on Tuesday last Mr. Silas HINTON, at an advanced age. (28 April 1852)

On Friday last in this county, Mrs. HOOVER. (1 June 1853)

On the 4th inst., in Mason county, Va., Mrs. Hannah E. HOY, formerly of this place. (18 May 1853)

Died, in this County, on the 28th ult., ... Mr. Henry HUDDLE, in an advanced year of his age. (7 January 1852)

On Friday last, in Charlottesville, Mrs. HUDSON, wife of Mr. Jas. W. Hudson, formerly of this place. (22 June 1853)

On Mossey Creek, Tuesday 13th inst., Briscoe (HUFFMAN), son of Mr. Sylvester Huffman, aged 3 years. (21 December 1853)

Died, at his residence near New Hope, in this county, on Sunday the 11th inst., Mr. Jacob HUMBERT, Sr., aged about 66 years ... native of Shenandoah county, but had for many years resided in this County member of the Tunker Church. (21 January 1852)

On Thursday afternoon last, whilst Mr. Enos HUMPHREYS, the dyer at the Woolen Factory near this place, was reaching over the dye vat ... fell into the caldron ... he died the next morning ... was a man of advanced age native of England ... had resided in this vicinity for a few months ... his family live in Baltimore county, Maryland. (9 June 1852)

On Tuesday, July 27th, at the residence of her father, near Staunton. ... Isabella (IMBODEN), daughter of John D. and Eliza Imboden, aged 2 years, 7 months and 21 days. (4 August 1852)

At the Deaf and Dumb Institution in this place, on Friday last, D. C. INGRAHM, of Pleasants co., Va. Young Ingrahm was a member of the third class in the Institution. (20 April 1853)

In this place on Saturday the 9th inst., Miss Hannah C. (INSKEEP), daughter of John and Jemina Inskeep, of Hampshire County, aged 17 years. (13 October 1852)

In this place, on Monday evening the 28th ultimo, Mary Elizabeth (KAYSER), infant daughter of Wm B and Elizabeth S. Kayser, aged 2 months and 20 days. (9 March 1853)

Died, near New Hope, on the night of the 5th ult., at her grand-father's, Elizabeth Jane (KENNEDY), infant daughter of John and Sarah C. Kennedy, aged 1 year, 2 months and 9 days. (4 February 1852)

Died, at her residence in this county, on the 22nd inst., Mrs. Mary Ann (KENNERLY), wife of Rev. Samuel Kennerly in the 44th year of her age. (28 January 1852)

Died, at the residence of her son-in-law (Mr. Thomas Clayton) on the Big Calf Pasture, near Deerfield, on Tuesday the 20th ult., Mrs. Sarah KINCAID, wife of Mr. Archibald Kincaid, Sr., dec'd., in the 83d year of her age . . . member of the Presbyterian Church. (18 February 1852)

Died, at his residence on South River, in this co., on Thursday morning the 29th ult., Mr. John KOINER, in the 60th year of his age. . . an exemplary member of the Lutheran church . . . died of an attack of the kidneys . . . has left an affectionate wife, nine children. (4 February 1852)

Died, on the 4th inst., Philip David (KOINER), infant son of Philip and Mary Koiner, aged 7 years and 4 months. (25 February 1852)

Died, on Friday morning the 6th inst., Mrs. Sarah Ann KURTZ, wife of Dr. J. F. Kurtz, of this place, (Editor of the Messenger,) and daughter of Daniel Gold, Esq., of Winchester, in the 30th year of her age. (11 February 1852)

Died, near Middle River, in this county May the 4th, 1852, Mrs. Susan C. LAMB, wife of Mr. B. Lamb in the 55th year of her age. (12 May 1852)

In this place, on Wednesday morning the 6th . . . Mr. George D. LANCASTER in the 55th year of his age . . . member of the Episcopal Church. (13 July 1853)

Mr. William LAYMAN, of this County, while attending a lime kiln on his father's land, last Thursday morning, met with the most painful death . . . At about 2 o'clock in the morning, a large mass from the burning kiln . . . fell . . . and buried young Layman, from his feet to his waist . . . he survived until Saturday evening . . . formerly resided (in Rockbridge). (2 February 1853)

Died, at the residence of her son, in this county on Monday morning May 24th, Mrs. Elizabeth LESSLEY, widow of Mr. Samuel Lessley, dec'd., aged about 80 years. (26 May 1852)

On Friday the 20th ultimo, John Marshall (LOCKRIDGE), infant son of Elisha F. and Sarah M. Lockridge, aged 10 months and 12 days. (1 September 1852)

In this place, on Monday Feb. 28th, Mrs. Walter LOWRY, of Philadelphia, in the 23rd year of her age. (9 March 1853)

Jno. MABUSH, a poor drunken creature, was found dead near the Hospital last Monday evening . . . a German by birth and professed to have been under Blutchter at Waterloo. (19 October 1853)

On the 13th inst., at the residence of Jas. A. McCue, his brother-in-law, near Mt. Solon, Va., Jacob V. MATHEWS, of Pocahontas co., in the 58th year of his age. He had left his residence . . . to visit a daughter . . . in his county . . . a useful magistrate. (16 March 1853)

In this place, at the residence of her son-in-law, Capt. John H. Ast, on the 15th, Mrs. Lucy MAUPIN, upwards of 70 years of age. (21 December 1853)

On Thursday the 1st inst., on South River, Augusta county . . . Mrs. Rachael McCHESNEY, wife of Capt. Adam McChesney, in the (?) 0th year of her age. (7 September 1853)

In Mobile, Alabama, on the 5th inst., Mr. Wm. A. McCLUNG, formerly of this place, in the 35th year of his age. (20 July 1853)

On Thursday, the 9th inst., Bettie Winters (McCUE), daughter of John H. and Signora C. E. McCue, aged fifteen months. (15 September 1852)

On Sunday morning last, James A. McCUE, Esq., a highly respectable citizen of this county. (7 September 1853) . . . at his residence on Mossy Creek . . . in the 71st year of his age . . . for forty years . . . a Magistrate and a Commissioner of the Revenue for twenty years and during the time he was a Justice of the Peace, he held the office of High Sheriff . . . member of the Presbyterian Church . . . A pious and devoted wife who had journeyed through life for 45 years with him, and two children are left behind. (14 September 1853)

A correspondent, writing from Estaline Furnace in this County, says that a horrible outrage was committed on the person of Mrs. Nancy McCULLOCH, an aged and highly respectable widow lady living in the Little Calf Pastures. It appears, that some ruffian seeking employment on the Railroad, applied to Mrs. M. for board . . . knocked her down . . . kicked her . . . beating her . . . on the morning of the 7th inst., died. (17 March 1852)

On the 11th of September, at Locust Grove, Henry county, Mo., Mrs. Diana McCUNE, wife of Mr. James McCune, formerly of this place and daughter of Martin Lushbaugh, dec'd. (3 November 1852)

On the 17th inst., at the residence of Capt. James Matheny, in the town of Lexington, Mr. Dowery McCUTCHAN, of Augusta, aged 74 years. (27 July 1853)

We notice in the published list of deaths in Stockton, California, the name of Mr. W. R. A. McGLANERY, of Augusta County, Virginia. (2 February 1853)

On Friday last, Rosa Nelson (McINTOSH), infant daughter of John S. and Margaret McIntosh. (11 August 1852)

In this place on the 9th, John S. McINTSH. (14 December 1853)

At the Institution near this place, on Monday last, Mrs. (MERILLAT), wife of Dr. J. C. M. Merillat. (24 August 1853)

Died, at Buckhannon, Upshur co., on the 12th inst., in the 47th year of her age, Mrs. Nancy E. (MILLER), consort of Capt. C. T. Miller, formerly of Augusta. (21 January 1852)

In this place, on Saturday last ... Mr. Simon P. MILLER, aged about 31 years. (13 July 1853) ... (member) of Staunton Lodge, No. (?) 5, I. O. O. F. (3 August 1853)

At the residence of Mr. Samuel Clarke, Sr., in this place on Sunday morning last, Mrs. Elizabeth MONTGOMERY, of this county. (12 January 1853)

On the 6th of Sept., in Chattooga Co., Georgia, Jas. M. MOORE, son of the late Dr. John K. Moore, formerly of this county. (6 October 1852)

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT. At a large and respectable meeting of the friends and neighbors of Dr. John (?) MOORE wife and children. (18 August 1852)

Died, near Mount Sidney, in this county, Sarah Margaret MULLEN, in the 8th year of her age. (4 February 1852)

On the 30th of March, at his residence near Mt. Solon, Mr. Abraham NEFF, at the advanced age of about 61 years and 9 months. (20 April 1853)

In Hillsborough, Ohio, on the 5th inst., Mr. John M. NELSON, formerly of this county. (22 September 1852)

About the 1st of April last, there occurred in the immediate vicinity of Waynesborough ... one of the most revolting and cold blooded murders three Irishmen, named Cornelius Barry, John Nonan and Wm. O'Brien, (son of McD. O'Brien, contractor) went bird hunting ... and ... returned to their quarters. Barry was the proprietor of a shanty and a man of family. Nonan and O'Brien were young men, the former about 20 years old, the latter near 16. Barry annoyed at their merry

making ... deliberately raised his gun to a level with the breast of young NONAN, and discharged the whole contents His unoffending victim ... lingered for one month a friendless boy, in a strange country. Waynesboro', May 17, 1852. (26 May 1852)

Patrick O'BRIEN, an Irish laborer on the Railroad west of this place was so seriously injured by a fall of earth that he died shortly after. (15 December 1852)

At the late residence of Col. Harnsberger, in this co., on Sunday last, Ann (PARKINS), infant child of I. J. and C. Parkins, aged about 2 years. (4 May 1853)

John PAXTON, living in the vicinity of Col. Wm. A. Bell's, some five miles from Staunton, lost his life on Saturday night last while out hunting raccoons was unmarried and lived with two maiden sisters. (16 November 1853)

On Tuesday morning last, at the residence of her mother in this county, Mrs. Emily E. (PECK), wife of Capt. P. H. Peck, and daughter of Capt. James Bell, dec'd, aged near 20 years. (5 January 1853)

At his residence in Wytheville, on Friday the 19th inst. ... Mr. John F. PERKINS, formerly of Augusta county, in the 34th year of his age, leaving an aged mother ... widow and four small children. (31 August 1853)

Died, suddenly at his residence, in this place, on the 22d inst., of Pneumonia, Mr. David POINTS. (25 February 1852)

It becomes our painful duty ... to announce the death of James POINTS, Esq., United States Marshall for the Western District of Virginia on Wednesday morning last, and his remains were deposited in Thornrose Cemetery on Friday, followed to their last resting place by the Masonic Fraternity, the pupils of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, and Virginia Female Institute was a member of the Board of Directors of the Western Lunatic Asylum, and the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, and also a Trustee of the Virginia Female Institute. Tributes of Respect. Staunton Lodge, No. 13 Master of the Lodge Grand Master over the Grand Lodge of Virginia ... Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State (leaves) widow and children. (20 October 1852)

Of Scarlet Fever, near Tinkling Spring, on the 26th of June last, Jacob Stover (POWELL), aged 5 weeks and 5 days—on the 7th Oct., Mary Green (POWELL), aged 3 years, 7 months and

27 days—and on the 10th Oct., James Henry (POWELL), aged 2 years, 4 months and 24 days, children of Michael and Lucy Powell. (27 October 1852)

Died, near this place on the 28th ult., Martha Jane (PRICE), daughter of Mr Samuel Price, aged 13 years, 2 months and 10 days. (10 March 1852)

Died . . . on Wednesday night, the 5th inst., at her residence, near Middle River, Mis. Ann PUCKLEY, aged 81 years. (11 February 1852)

Very suddenly, in this place, on Sunday last, Mr. RADFORD. (23 February 1853)

Of Pneumonia, on Tuesday 25th Oct., at Mt. Meridan, Augusta co., Sarah Margaret (REAMER), infant daughter of Daniel and Adeline Reamer, aged 2 years and 6 months. (16 November 1853)

Died, in Baltimore on the 31st ult., Edmond James (REESE), infant son of Rev. A. A. and Annie Reese of Staunton, aged 2 years, 1 month and 8 days. (14 April 1852)

Near this place, on Saturday last, Baldwin Stuart (REILEY), infant son of Mr. James C. Reiley, aged 1 year, 1 month and 24 days. (2 November 1853)

Of Pneumonia on Friday last, at the residence of Mr. Nelson in this county, Mrs. Nancy RHODES, of Nelson county, aged about 79 years. (4 May 1853) On the 29th ultimo, at Poplar Grove in this county, the residence of Mrs. Nelson, one of the daughters of the dec'd., Mrs. Ann RHODES, relict of the late Matthew Rhodes, Esq., of Albemarle . . . all her children were members of evangelical churches — the Presbyterian and Episcopal — the latter was her own . . . After a . . . sermon at the house by the Rev. T. T. Castleman, of Staunton, the body was taken to the grave yard near the Augusta Church, and there laid by the remains of a daughter who long preceeded her. (25 May 1853)

At the residence of his son, on the 20th of January, on the Great Calf Pasture River in Augusta county, Mr. John RHYAN, Sr., aged about 78 years. (26 January 1853)

At his residence in this place, on Wednesday last . . . Mr. Josiah C. RIDGWAY. (20 July 1853)

At New Hope, on the 6th inst., Fannie (ROBERTS), youngest daughter of Dr. W. B. Roberts, aged 3 years and 1 month. (13 July 1853)

On Tuesday morning the 19th inst., Peter Hanger (ROBERTSON), son of Alexander G. and Nancy W. Robertson, aged 9 months and 5 days. (27 April 1853)

At Waynesborough, Augusta Co., Va., on the 5th instant, in the 75th year of her age, Mrs. Lucy ROSE, relict of Thos. Rose, Esq., late of Richmond, and sister of the Junior Editor of the *National Intelligencer* . . . for fifty years an exemplary member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. (12 October 1853)

Died, at the residence of her father in this county, on the morning of the 10th inst., Mrs. Sarah E. ROTHWELL, consort of Mr. Wm Rothwell, aged 27 years, 7 months and 2 days. (31 March 1852)

On Saturday night last . . . Mrs. Rebecca RUFF, wife of Mr. Wm. Ruff, of this place. (16 November 1853) . . . on the 13th ult., Mrs. Rebecca McFarland RUFF . . . in the 56th year of her age . . . a native of Gardiner, Maine, whence she removed to this place with an uncle more than thirty years ago . . . member of the Presbyterian Church. (14 December 1853)

On Wednesday the 12th inst., at his residence near New Hope, Mr. J. RYAN, at an advanced age. (19 January 1853)

On Thursday last, Morton (ST. CLAIR), infant son of Dr. A. St. Clair, dec'd., aged about eight years. (18 August 1852)

Very suddenly in this place on Sunday last, George (SCHERER), son of Mr. John Scherer. (2 February 1853)

Isaac SHAVER (died 17 March 1852). (See William Armstrong.)

A Copy of Margaret Shayer's Will. I Margaret SHAYER of the Borough of Staunton . . . I give and bequeath to the Methodist Church in Staunton, the sum of Two hundred dollars to be paid . . . Sampson Eagon and Philip Hopkins . . . I give and bequeath to Catharine Woolwine . . . William Shayer or any of his heirs . . . are to be excluded from the inheritance of any part of my Estate . . . John C. Sowers, Wm. Boys, and Samuel Clarke, executors . . . (made) 2nd day of January 1827 . . . Witness John Merritt, Jefferson Kinney, Walter H. Tapp . . . Codicil . . . I have given already to the Methodist church a bond on Jacob Peck, Sen., dec'd . . . 30th January 1829. Witness, Edwin S. Hoff, David M. Fackler, Alexander Gibson . . . Augusta County Court June Term 1831 . . . last Will and Testament of Margaret Shayer dec'd, was presented. (24 March 1852)

On the 12th inst., Jacob Van Lear SHELTON, son of Dr. Thomas W. Shelton, of Barterbrook, age 16 months. (23 March 1853)

... on Monday last, a young lady ... SHIELD, daughter of Mr. Charles Shield, of Norfolk, died at Waynesborough ... on her way to White Sulphur Springs. (10 August 1853)

Died ... on the 12th inst., near Mt. Sidney, in this county, George S. (SHRECKHISE), youngest child of Mr. George Shreckhise, aged 9 years, 6 months and 27 days. (28 April 1852)

On the 5th instant, near Churchville, Esther SHURLEY, wife of Jonathan Shurley, aged 65 years, 7 months and 2 days. (9 March 1853)

Died, at his residence on North River, Augusta co., on Monday the 26th ult., after a short illness, Abraham SMITH, Esq., in the 71st year of his age. (3 March 1852)

In 1844 ... the decease of Capt. (John C. SOWERS). (24 March 1852)

At the residence of her father in this county on Tuesday the 13th inst., Mrs. STEEL, daughter of John Churchman, Esq., and wife of Dr. J. Steele, of Rockbridge. (21 September 1853) Mrs. Eliza J. STEELE ... at the residence of her father, Chapel Hill, near Staunton. (28 September 1853)

In this place, on the 11th inst., Sallie (STEVENSON), second daughter of R. W. Stevenson, aged about 3 years. (19 October 1853)

At Wheeling, on Sunday morning the 22d ultimo, of Puerpal Fever, Mrs. Mary (STOCKTON), wife of Mr. D. M. Stockton, and daughter of the late Michael Quinlan, of this place, aged 22 years. (1 June 1853)

Of Pneumonia, on the 21st ult., at the residence of his grand-father Amos Crosby, near Churchville, William David (STOVER), son of the late Jacob H. Stover, dec'd., aged 8 years and 9 months ... expressing a desire to depart and join his father, who had but recently gone before him. (1 December 1852)

We deeply regret to learn that Mr. Elias STRAWSBURG, of this County died on Thursday last, from the effects of a fall a Blacksmith by trade leaves a large family. (16 June 1852)

On Sunday morning, the 11th of September, at the residence of Dr. Waddell, in this place, Samuel A. (STUART),

son of the Rev. S. D. and Cornelia W. Stuart, of Prince Edward county, aged about 3 years. (14 September 1853)

Near Mint Spring, on the evening of the 29th of October, Sarah Agnes (SWINK), eldest daughter of Madison Swink, in the 18th year of her age. (9 November 1853)

Died, at Savannah, Georgia, on Friday the 20th inst., Miss Susan Cary TAPSCOTT, of this place. (25 February 1852) ... in the 26 year of her age The deceased was bereft in tender infancy of both father and mother ... and she was adopted and reared by a family of affectionate relatives, an aunt and her husband Her father's remains sleep in the island of Cuba. Her mother's in her native Virginia, and hers repose in the beautiful Cemetery of Bonaventure, near Savannah. (3 March 1852)

On Saturday evening last, Mrs. Martha TATE, wife of Mm. M. Tate Esq., of this county, and daughter of the late James A. Frazier, Esq., of Jennings' Gap. (25 May 1853)

In this place, on Monday the 16th inst., (TEABO), infant son of John and Catherine S. Teabo. (25 August 1852)

In this place, on Wednesday evening last, Miss Bettie A. E. TEABO, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Teabo, aged about 14 years. (25 August 1852) At the residence of her uncle, Mr. Samuel E. Clarke, on the 18th ult, Bettie A. H. TEABO. (1 September 1852)

Of Typhoid Fever, on the 23d of August last, in Orange county, Indiana, Mr. George TEAFORD, formerly of Augusta, aged about 50 years. (24 November 1852)

On Friday morning last, Mr. Lewis TEAFORD, of this county, about 35 years of age. (8 June 1853)

On Sabbath, the 7th inst., at West View, Mrs. Mrs. Mary TEAFORD, relict of Mr. Henry Teaford, in the 63d year of her age. (17 November 1852)

Died, on Friday evening the 9th inst., Mr. John THOMAS, aged 47 years and 9 months. (14 July 1852)

In this county, on Tuesday the 27th ultimo, Mr. Joseph THOMAS. (5 October 1853)

In this county ... Mrs. Margaret (THOMAS), wife of Mr. Joseph Thomas. (13 July 1853)

In this place, on the 20th instant, Mrs. Caroline (THOMPSON), wife of Judge L. P. Thompson. (26 October 1853) On Friday morning the 21st Oct., Mrs. Susan Caroline ... in the 52nd year of her age member of the Episcopal Church

Her remains were conveyed on Saturday ... to the Cemetery. (2 November 1853)

On Tuesday the 31st ult., at an advanced age Mrs. Nancy THOMPSON, widow of the late Smith Thompson. (8 September 1852)

Died, on Sunday night the 22d ult., Mrs. Sarah Rader (TOWBERMAN), wife of Mr. Philip Towberman of Augusta co. (10 March 1852)

At the residence of her husband, John Trimble, Esq., in this county, on Tuesday evening last ... Mrs. Phelisky TRIMBLE, daughter of the late George Baylor, Sr., in the 43d year of her age. (27 July 1853) ... Mrs. Felisca (TRIMBLE) By birth ... a Lutheran (left) children. (3 August 1853)

DEATH OF THE REV. JOS. D. TYLER. The death of the Rev. Mr. Tyler, at his residence in this place on Thursday morning last For the last twelve years Mr. Tyler had resided here as Principal of the Deaf Mute Department of the Virginia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind On Saturday morning his remains were attended to the grave ... on Sunday an appropriate funeral discourse was preached in the Episcopal Church by the Rev. Mr. Castleman. (4 February 1852) ... was a native of Vermont a graduate of Yale College ... studied for the work of the Ministry at the Theological Seminary of Va. But his organs of articulation and hearing having been greatly impaired by a violent attack of fever, he ... repaired to the institution for deaf mutes at Hartford, Ct., where he became eminently fitted for the ... station he occupied at the time of his death. To this post he was called by ... the Board of Visitors in 1839 ... affectionate parent and devoted husband. (11 February 1852)

On the 22d of April last, at the residence of her father, Jacob Van Lear, Esq., Miss Evaline E. VAN LEAR, aged 22 years and 8 months. Many things conspired to make the death ... a sad and touching one ... the declining years of her venerable parents, the number of bereavements through which they had been called to pass, and the afflictive condition of other members of the family (member) Tinkling Spring Church, Augusta. (4 May 1853)

Died, on the 6th inst., at the residence of his mother near Mt. Solon, in the 7th year of his age, John Howard (VAN LEAR), youngest son of Rev J A Van Lear, dec'd. (11 February 1852)

Died, on Friday last, in the 13th year of her age, Margaret (VANLEAR), daughter of Mrs. Jane A. Vanlear of this county. (25 February 1852)

In Greenville, on the 25th ult., after a short illness, William VINES, son of Major D. and Margaret Vines. (8 September 1852)

At her residence in this place, on the 9th inst. ... Miss Ann H. WADDELL, in the 71st year of her age. (12 October 1853)

On the 13th inst. ... Mr. William WALLACE, of this county. (24 November 1852)

Died, near Tinkling Spring, in this county, on Friday evening last, Mrs. Mary C. WAYLAND, wife of Lewis Wayland, Esq., and daughter of the late Gen. Robt. Porterfield. (21 & 28 April 1852)

On Sabbath evening, Oct. 30th, at the residence of Capt. John Webb, near Augusta Church, John Cyrus WEBB, aged 2 years and 6 months. On Monday, Nov. 7th, J. Taylor WEBB, aged 5 (?) years brothers. (16 November 1853)

On the 14th inst., at his residence in this county, Mr. Elias WEBSTER, at an advanced age. (28 July 1852)

Died, on the 5th inst., at 11 o'clock P. M., Mrs. Sarah WELLER, wife of Mr. Tobias Weller, in the 27th year of her age. (10 March 1852)

On the 23d of April, at her residence in Augusta county, Mrs. A. J. WHEELER, wife of Mr. David Wheeler, and daughter of David Rhodes of Nelson co., in the 52d year of her age. She leaves a husband and nine children. (4 May 1853)

At his residence in Mt. Sidney, on the 3d inst., Mr. Clement WHITE, aged 72 years. (16 February 1853)

Died, at the residence of his father, in Mt. Sidney, on the 14th inst., Mr. William WHITE, aged 34 years. (30 June 1852)

In this county, on Wednesday the 16th instant, of Dropsy, Mrs. Rebecca (WHITLOCK), wife of Mr. Robert Whitlock. (23 November 1853) Of Dropsy, on the 16th inst., at Oak Shade Cottage, her residence in this county, Mrs. Margaret L. (WHITLOCK), wife of R. T. Whitlock, in the 30th year of her age. (30 November 1853)

Died, at Mt. Meridian, on Thursday last, Mrs. Salona WHITMORE, wife of Mr. Wm Whitmore. Her remains were taken to the family burying ground in Botetourt. (21 April 1852)

... in the 23d year of her age, at the residence of J. D. Craig, Esq. ... wife of Capt. Wm. Whitmore, and daughter of Mr. Jacob Bonsack, of Roanoke county, Virginia. (28 April 1852)

In Nelson county on Wednesday last, Mrs. Margaret C. (WILLS), wife of James L. Wills, Esq., and daughter of Benjamin T. Reid, Esq., in the 21st year of her age. (13 April 1853) Margaret E. WILLS ... daughter of Benj. T. Reid, Esq., of this county. (27 April 1853)

On the 15th inst., at his residence in Jennings' Gap ... Mr. William WILLS, an aged citizen of this county, and formerly of Rockingham. (22 September 1852)

Died, on the 15th ult., at her Son's residence in Churchville, Mrs. I. WILSON, relict of the late George Wilson, of this county, at an advanced period of life member of the Presbyterian Church of Hebron The interment was not a little solemnized by the fact, that her grandchild little Joseph (WILSON), about seven years old son of Mr. Wm. Wilson, was unexpectedly called at the same time to the arms of that Saviour. (5 May 1852)

Died, on the 27th ult. ... Samuel M. WILSON, son of Col. Wm. Wilson, in the 29th year of his age was a member of Capt. Harper's Company of Augusta Volunteers in the Mexican War. (5 May 1852)

In this place on the 21st, Mrs. Catharine WISE, in the 75th year of her age connected herself with the Methodist E. Church about the year 1800. (29 September 1852)

In this county, on the 11th of September, Mary Catharine (WISEMAN), infant daughter of Peter and Francis M. Wiseman, aged 1 year and 7 months. (9 November 1853)

At Sangersville, Augusta county, on Thursday, 5th of August, Capt. John WOODDELL, aged 88 years, 3 months and 23 days. (1 September 1852)

Died, on the 10th inst., Mr. Robert WRIGHT, of this county, in the 55th year of his age an Elder in Hebron Church for some 18 years. (31 March 1852)

In New Orleans, on the 8th inst. ... Mr. Jacob B. YOST, in the 26th year of his age born in Harrisonburg—was a Printer by profession and worked in this Office some two years before going South. (14 September 1853)

Died, at his residence near Demopolis, Alabama, on the 24th ult., in the 56th year of his age, Col. Elisha YOUNG, a native of Augusta County was educated at Washington and Princeton Colleges, studied law at Hillsboro', North Carolina, and

settled in Alabama where he practiced his profession successfully for a number of years, was frequently elected to the Legislature, was Speaker of the lower House one or two sessions, and at one time a prominent candidate for Congress in the Tuscaloosa District, (21 July 1852)

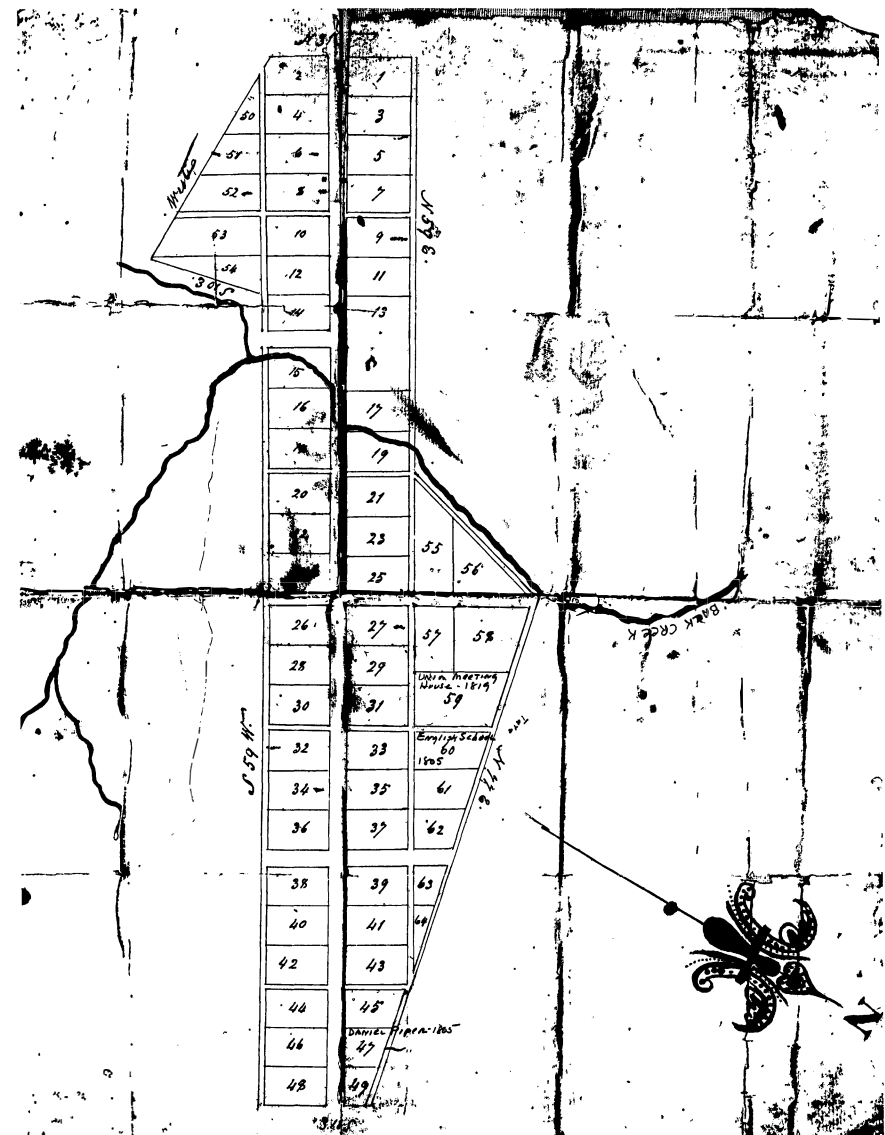
MIDDLEBROOK

By
Elizabeth Webb

If you drive from Staunton to Brownsburg, you will be on the Middlebrook Turnpike. About half way to Brownsburg you will arrive in the village of Middlebrook. Thirty houses line the street. There is no room for sidewalks because most of the porches touch the right-of-way. At the first intersection the road leads west to Swoope where only a generation ago local cattlemen loaded their cattle for market on railroad cars. These cattle they had driven on foot the ten to twenty miles from their farms. Across from the intersection you will see the flag flying over the Post Office which doubles as a hardware store and across from that is the garage. There is a grocery store and beyond that an impressive anti-bellum house that faces away from the street. The road opposite that house leads east to Greenville. There is a beauty shop, once a barber shop. But once past that you have only a house or two to pass before you wind in a double S curve out of town.

Arrowheads and ends of scraping knives turned up as the land was plowed attest to the fact that Indians used the area as a hunting ground. Land loving people began moving toward the area. On a location which you passed just a few miles north of the village of Middlebrook stood the North Mountain Meeting House. John Craig's records show that he baptized a number of children at North Mountain Meeting House on December 9, 1740 and again in 1741 he baptized a "large number there." However, the first record of a home established near Middlebrook was that of Samuel McCutcheon who in 1742 chose a site which boasted of two clear springs one flowing north to the Potomac, the other south to the James. Names like Dividing Ridge and Riverheads come from the fact of these opposite flows.

Samuel McCutcheon's land was part of the Borden grant. It bordered the Beverley grant. William Beverley released to David Cunningham 226 acres in 1749. Andrew Scott of Rockbridge County and Thomas Scott of Rockingham County acquired a part of this tract. They deeded this to William Scott and his wife Nancy in 1798. William Scott was married to Nancy Bogle, widow, of Rockbridge County in 1793 by the Reverend William Graham. William Scott laid off the town of Middlebrook on this land in 1798.



Local tradition credits William McCutcheon, son of Samuel, as having given Middlebrook its name. He had returned in 1778 from a tour of duty as wagonmaster in Washington's army when it was stationed in Middlebrook, New Jersey. He built a home on Beverley land not far from his father's. This too was close to two springs flowing in opposite directions. Middlebrook

does have a brook running across the middle of it. So the name was most appropriate.

Deed Books in Augusta County show that on April 16, 1799 twenty-six lots in the town of Middlebrook were sold by William Scott and his wife Nancy. These were shown on a plot made "lately" on land "owned by them." Middlebrook is a planned community. There were three parallel streets running north-east to south-west. The lots were in blocks of three with lanes between. Later deeds show other lots some of which are angled by the edge of the property. Only the main road is paved today although the lots and lanes are clearly discernible. State roads now run east and west. These were not shown on the early plat.

The sales recorded in 1799 were given both in English pounds and American dollars. The lots brought from 2 pounds for a small lot on the edge of town to 30 pounds for Samuel McCutcheon's lot and fifty dollars each for the lots next to and across from his.

Names of a number of the purchasers listed in 1799 are still familiar in the area although some of the spelling is different. There is Peter Sansubah, no doubt the Sensabaugh we know today. There is Martin and Summers, Ewing, Wilson and Bozzerman. There is Fulwider and Bumgardner, McChesney and Lowman. Although many of the people heard the call of the West and moved on to Kansas and Missouri, a *nucleus* has been left to carry on the tradition of hearty, able artisans.

Times changed and on January 25, 1819 a deed is recorded showing that Nancy Scott and son, John Newton of Tennessee sold to Isiah Shipman, William Wilson, John Sproul, and Jacob Bumgardner, trustees, a lot "Paid for by sundry Scribes for the sole purpose and to be forever occupied as a site for a Meeting House to be known by the name of Union Meeting House which is to be free to all legally authorized Preachers of the Gospel of every denomination there unto belonging." Barnhard Lowman, one of the first purchasers, was the attorney for the Scotts.

Middlebrook grew and by the end of the nineteenth century there were more than thirty businesses thriving in town. There were three doctors and five undertakers. In those days embalming was not practiced and there was no call for licenses so every carpenter, cabinet maker or furniture maker prepared coffins on request. These were built to scale with a broad end for the shoulders. There was a chair manufacturer whose chairs are still in use.

Since Middlebrook offered a Stage Coach stop between Staunton and Brownsburg, there were several taverns. Bars were available behind the blacksmith shop, the tannery and the taverns. One such stopping place was advertised as "Frank Arehart's House of Entertainment."

There were two "complete" stores. John and James McCorkle had a large building built for their establishment. They engaged a number of clerks and bookkeepers as well as others. It was considered the largest store in the county. Later it was sold to H. G. McGary who did a thriving business. Souvenirs of Middlebrook can still be found, enscribed with "McGary & Co." and some with just "Souvenir of Middlebrook, Va." Mr. McGary was described by one who remembered him as a typical storekeeper of that day. He was rather short with a large, round, bald head fringed with white hair. He had a particularly jovial appearance and disposition.

There is a story passed down in a local family that father had been out quite late playing cards with his friends. When he realized how late the hour had grown, he decided his wife was already as angry as she could be so he might as well play another hand. However, the next day he had to go to Mr. McGary's store for a peace offering. The lovely teapot is still in use by some of the family in the area.

There were two tanneries. Elisah Hogshead was very proud of his leather. David Rusmiselle who had a harness shop used some of this leather to make a saddle which he sent to the Richmond Fair where it won first prize.

A dressmaker and her daughter had a "very high class shop." There were two tailors. The family of one of them tells that a loafer liked to come to the shop to read. He chose to sit on the cutting board. He was often warned to keep off but failed to respond. One morning when the tailor was using his board, he cut off the tail of his visitor's coat.

A Dr. Shelton was a clock and watch maker. The bootmaker, W. A. Allen made boots to order. In those days there was no left or right, just two boots the correct length.

There was a negro area just south of town. You would have passed the Baptist Church which is still active. At the turn of the century two of the negro women were excellent mid-wives. There was once a Methodist Church and a school house in this section.

The Lutheran Church and parsonage still stand in the center of town but neither is used for its original purpose. The Reformed Church gave way to the public school.

There had been one and two and three room school houses before the brick schools were built in the 1920s. These overlook the village from the east. However, these too were abandoned in the 1960s in favor of the consolidated schools.

More should be said of the large brick house which turns its side to the main street. A John Randolph of Stafford County is said to have built the house in the 1820's. Court records show that when he died intestate in October 1861, he was possessed of a large estate consisting of lands, house and lots in the village of Middlebrook, slaves and bonds and other personal property usually owned by farmers." All of this had to be sold to satisfy the heirs. The house was later used by Dr. McChesney who had his office in a small building connecting the two present brick structures. This lot is interesting because it is larger than all the others on the plot but still has only one designation.

The old brick residence which displays the sign of the minx is now the residence of Attorney Cabel Cobbs. It was once the home of a furniture manufacturer by the name of Fauver. But that is a story for another time.

Some houses must have been in the neighborhood before William Scott laid out the town because one house east of the town has a date in the brick of the chimney of 1795.

When you leave Middlebrook you leave a lot of reminders of another era, another way of life that is nice to return to if only in imagination.

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Twenty-Sixth of a Series OLD HOMES OF AUGUSTA COUNTY

"STONY POINT"

The Home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lavender
(Formerly the home of the Rev. Robert L. Dabney)
Route 635 east from Route 608)

by Gladys B. Clem

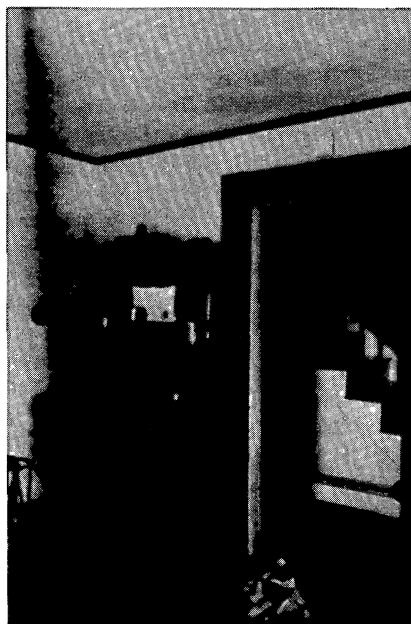
The Rev. Robert L. Dabney was a man of many facets — minister, school teacher and writer. He began his ministry to Tinkling Spring Church July 17, 1847, acquiring lodgings with a bachelor, Mr. Hugh G. Guthrie, in the neighborhood. The Sunday he was supposed to preach his first sermon, he was taken with a severe case of colic and was unable to do so. Later, when Mr. Guthrie decided to marry, it seemed to put ideas in the young minister's head as well.

His associates had often spoken of Miss Lavinia Morrison, the second daughter of Mr. Morrison of Rockbridge County. After meeting her, he became her escort to Presbytery on horseback. He took note that she was an excellent horsewoman and managed



"Stony Point" Built in 1852

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Detail of Triplicate door frame and Putnam Organ.

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her steed with remarkable excellence. It was "love at first sight" with the young Rev. Dabney. He felt that he knew her through mutual friends.

They planned their wedding for March 28, 1848 in Harrisonburg during the meeting of Presbytery. He brought his bride to the home of his ever faithful friend, Hugh Guthrie, where they remained until he was married.

His zealous enthusiasm soon had the Tinkling Spring congregation considering the replacement of the old stone sanctuary with a new and better one. Constructed of brick, it has endured through the last 150 years—years that have accentuated its beauty. It was first used on March 3, 1850, followed by the dedication of building on April 12, 1850.

Having felt the need of a home of his own, he had purchased a place called "Sleepy Hollow" on the Waynesboro-Staunton road, but did not keep it very long. On the 17th of May 1850, he purchased land on the south side of the turnpike to Scottsville totalling 30 acres with a scattering of trees. He named it "Stony Point" — a name literally true and to the point.

He designed the house to be built of stone found on his land, and with his own hands quarried the stones. Those taken



4 door closet built by Dr. Dabney

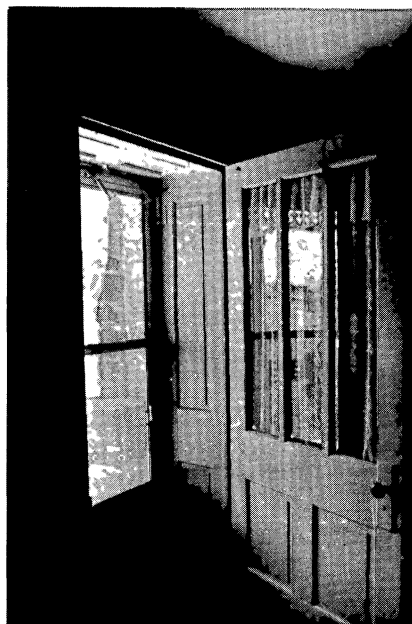
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from the basement and surface limestone supplied the necessary stone for the building operation.

He wrote to his mother "my rock house grows reasonably fast and has grown within 6 feet of the eaves. It will be a very peculiar, picturesque and tasteful house and a perfect little snugery."

The stone is well pointed and shows the work of a professional hand. The windows are deeply set in the 24-inch thick walls and have diamond shaped panes in the upper sash — most of which are original. It was a house originally of four rooms (a dining room, family room and two bedrooms have been added on in recent years). The two tall chimneys show to advantage and accent the high pointed roof line.

Entering the front door with its three paned glass, one notices that the interior wood is oak. The door and window frames are in a tripartite design. Each downstairs room of the original part of the house has a built in bookcase, and each of the four have fireplaces. The floors are random width with the boards in triplicate with hand pegged fastenings. The front door is widely recessed which shows the inside panelling to advantage. The inside doors are pointed in their panels, carrying out the



Front door shows paneling and width of walls.

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diamond shaped motif. The hallway has the original stairway and balustrade with a delicate turn midway to the second floor.

The people of Tinkling Spring had been toying with an idea of having a local school, with the Rev. Dabney as the teacher, for some years prior to his leaving. He was most successful in this venture, having 26 or 27 students which brought him some \$5 per day—a good salary for that time. During these activities he was engaged in a vast amount of writing for publication in newspapers and other publications on questions of the day.

In the spring of 1853 he was nominated to the Chair of Eccliaistical History and Polity of the Union Theological Seminary. His leaving Tinkling Spring was universally regretted by the congregation, as he loved the people dearly. It also meant leaving his "Stony Point" on which he had lavished so much labor, and in which he had lived only one year.

In 1870, the Presbyterian Church of the United States elevated Dr. Dabney to its highest office, Moderator of the General Assembly, when it met in Louisville, Kentucky.

In 1977, "Stony Point" came into the ownership of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lavender from Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bunch who had

made numerous additions of a dining room and family room on the first floor and two bedrooms on the second floor.

The Lavenders show their love for antiques by the old Putnam organ in one corner of the living room, with the guarantee still pasted on the back. There is also a sheel chair, vintage of 1865, which occupies the place of honor in the living room. Built into the living room wall is a four door closet that must have been used when the Rev. Mr. Dabney built the house. The room to the left is panelled in oak and is used as a billiard room. The dining room is panelled in knee high dark green, with scenic wallpaper in soft shades of light green above it.

Across the fields Mrs. Lavender can see the home in which she was born. The property is now 25 acres in area, which the Lavenders' small 11 year old son finds much to his liking, with its small stream flowing through the property. The Lavenders are the parents of three children: Beverly, the wife of Mr. T. W. Patterson, Renee and Shawn.



Door shows diamond shaped panels.

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CONSTITUTION
Of The
AUGUSTA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization will be the AUGUSTA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as the Society.

ARTICLE II

Nature, purposes and objectives

Section 1. This Society shall be composed of a voluntary membership, organized solely for the civic, educational, research, benevolent and philanthropic purposes, and for exclusively nonprofit purposes as described in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or future amendments thereto, and shall be operated as a Society no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, and which does not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. In the event of dissolution, the assets of this Society remaining after the payment of its outstanding accounts shall be distributed to an organization of the type described in section 501 (c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of future amendments thereto, or to the Federal Government or to a State or local government for exclusively public purposes.

Section 2. The purposes and objectives of this Society are: to promote interest in the history of the Augusta County area, and its past and present inhabitants; to promote by available means the discovery and preservation of papers, documents, books, objects, sites, places and buildings of historic interest; to promote study of and research into the archaeology, genealogy, sociology and history of the Augusta County area, to acquire by purchase, lease, gift or loan, and to hold, manage, dispose of by sale, gift, loan or other appropriate means, properties, both real and personal, which might prove useful in promotion of the purposes and objectives of the Society; to cooperate with other organizations and agencies, local, state and federal, in the promotion of these and other similar purposes and objectives; and in general, to do all things necessary, incidental and proper for the attainment of said objectives, or any one of them.

ARTICLE III

Membership

The membership of this Society shall be composed of residents of the Augusta County area, and others interested and willing to assist in accomplishment of the purposes and objectives of the Society, all of whom shall be admitted to the membership as provided by the bylaws of the

Society. Honorary membership may be conferred upon any person whose activities have contributed to the objectives of the Society. Honorary members shall be elected by a three-fourths vote of the members present at a membership meeting, upon nomination by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

Two meetings of the Society shall be held during the Calendar year. The meeting in May will be: to receive reports from the retiring officers and standing committees on the state of the Society; to elect and install a new slate of officers; and to take appropriate action on such matters as shall be recommended by the Board of Directors. The second meeting shall be held in November.

ARTICLE V

Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1. The officers shall be a president, a vice-president, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer, an archivist, an associate archivist who shall be elected for a term of two years, and twelve directors who shall be elected for a term of three years, four to be elected in each calendar year.

Section 2. The officers and directors shall constitute the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

Election of Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1. All officers and directors shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast at the May meeting.

Section 2. A committee on nominations appointed by the president at the November meeting shall present a slate of officers and candidates for the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Nominations may also be made by any member of the Society at any time prior to balloting at the May meeting. A candidate for election shall be an individual active member.

Section 4. A person who has been elected to the Board of Directors for two consecutive terms, or elected as president or vice-president for three consecutive terms, shall not be nominated to the same office unless one year elapses between the end of his last term and the beginning of the term for which he is nominated. The past president shall remain on the board, ex officio, for one year following his term of office.

Section 5. Officers and directors shall be installed at the close of the May meeting and shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and installed. In the event of resignation or incapacity of any officer or director, except the president, the vacancy may be filled by a vote of the Board of Directors for the unexpired term of office.

ARTICLE VII Amendment

This constitution may be amended at any regular or adjourned membership meeting by a two-thirds vote of those voting, provided notice was given at a previous meeting. Or it may be amended at a special membership meeting called for that purpose, with ten (10) days previous notice and a two-thirds vote. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing.

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ARTICLE I

Classes of Membership and Dues

Section 1. Any person interested in the history of Augusta County who applies for membership and who tenders the necessary dues shall be a member of the Augusta County Historical Society.

Section 2. Annual dues for individual active members shall be seven dollars (\$7.00), and for family membership ten dollars (\$10.00).

Section 3. Annual dues for sustaining members shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

Section 4. Dues for life members shall be one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) in one payment.

Section 5. Non-voting, business, institutional or professional membership shall be available for ten dollars (\$10.00) or more per year.

Section 6. Annual dues shall be payable in January and members in arrears for more than six months after payment is due shall be dropped from membership. All individual and family members shall have voice and vote in the Society.

Section 7. Any member of the Society may be expelled by the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of those voting.

ARTICLE II

Schedule and Quorum for Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the second Wednesday of November and May.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the president.

Section 3. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the president or at the request of any three (3) members of the Board.

Section 4. Ten per cent (10%) of the active members of the Society shall constitute a quorum at a Membership meeting. One-third of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at a Board of Directors meeting.

ARTICLE III

Duties of the Officers and Directors

Section 1. The president shall have executive supervision over the activities of the Society within the scope provided by these bylaws, shall preside at all meetings, shall report annually on the activities of the Society and shall appoint the members of committees. The president shall call meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The vice-president shall assume the duties of the president in the event of absence, incapacity or resignation of the president, and may be assigned duties by the president.

Section 3. The recording secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, maintain a list of members and render an annual report.

Section 4. The corresponding secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society and shall send notices of meetings and other information as directed by the president.

Section 5. The treasurer shall be responsible for the safekeeping of Society funds, for maintaining adequate financial records and for depositing all monies received by him with a reliable banking company in the name of the Augusta County Historical Society. Expenditures shall be paid by numbered checks, signed by the treasurer, or in the treasurer's absence, by the president. All expenditures shall be supported by an invoice or other memorandum approved by the Editor of the Bulletin or by a member of the Board of Directors other than the treasurer. The treasurer shall collect dues and shall render an annual report audited by an Auditing Committee, to report to the membership at the Fall meeting.

Section 6. The Board of Directors shall exercise supervision over all affairs of the Society, shall decide questions of policy and perform such other functions as designated in the bylaws or otherwise assigned to it. At any meeting of the Board of Directors seven members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7. The archivist and associate archivist shall have the custody of all personal property acquired by the Society (as distinguished from funds and securities). A careful accounting shall be made of all acquisitions which are judged to be of historical value. The archivist and the associate archivist shall report to the membership and the president at the May business meeting, and otherwise as requested by the Board of Directors, on the status and condition of the property of all descriptions in their custody, and shall make recommendations to the Society with regard to the use, insurability, preservation, display and disposal of this property and the acquisition of additional items.

ARTICLE IV

Committees

Section 1. The Society shall have the following committees:

1. Augusta Historical Bulletin Committee — responsible for publishing semiannually a Bulletin containing articles of historical interest of Augusta County and the surrounding area.

2. Archives Committee — responsible for collecting, cataloging, the care, management, and repair of books, manuscripts, newspapers and other historical source material.

3. Program Committee — responsible for arranging suitable programs; for setting time, place and date of meetings.

4. Publicity Committee — responsible for publicizing the work and activities of the Society through news letters to members and through releases of information to the newspaper, radio and television media.

5. Publications Committee — responsible for finding ways for publishing joint or individual research studies, periodicals or books of historical interest.

6. Membership Committee — responsible for Membership Drives encouraging persons having an interest in the history of Augusta County to become active members of the Society.

7. Nominations Committee — responsible for nominations for officers and members of the Board of Directors.

8. Landmark Committee — responsible for recommending sites, homes and other buildings for consideration as Local, State or National landmarks.

9. Cemetery Committee — responsible for information on cemeteries located in Augusta County.

ARTICLE V

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern the proceedings of the Society except in such cases as are governed by the Constitution or the bylaws.

ARTICLE VI

Amendment to the Bylaws

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any regular or adjourned meeting by a two-thirds vote of those voting, provided notice has been given at the meeting next previous, or by a mailing to the membership at least two weeks prior to such vote. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing.

IN MEMORIAM

Colonel Roy F. Lynd*

Mrs. Arthur R. Ware, Jr.

*Charter Member

NEW MEMBERS

since November 1980

Miss Marilyn Adams, Decatur, Georgia
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph K. Alexander, Staunton, Virginia
Mr. and Mrs. David Christian, Wichita, Kansas
Mrs. Welty Compton, Tampa, Florida
Mr. W. M. Crickenberger, Falls Church, Virginia
Mr. John W. Engleman, Waynesboro, Virginia
Mr. Carl C. Fox, Staunton, Virginia
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Gordon, Fort Defiance, Virginia
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy C. Hall, Jr., Staunton, Virginia
Ms. Carolyn H. Hamrick, Staunton, Virginia
Mr. and Mrs. James H. Harris, Staunton, Virginia
Mr. Wayne L. Johnson, Marmet, West Virginia
Mrs. Sam F. McClure, Staunton, Virginia
Dr. Richard K. MacMaster, Bridgewater, Virginia
Mr. S. H. Montgomery, Waynesboro, Va. (Life Membership)
Mrs. Nora E. Osburn, Venice, Florida
Mr. Ron Steffey, Staunton, Virginia
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Sweeney, Ridgefield Park, New Jersey